A Sensible Style for Dwelling Houses.

A few words as to domestic architecture. Our rural dwellings are, a small book conveniently placed almost universally throughout the near where there is a light, and evecountry, of wood. In consequence ry night before going to bed he it is difficult to overcome their box-like appearance and identify them very few, of the occurrences on the with the landscape. An average farm, that have taken place during village, unless so embowered as to the past twenty four hours. If he conceal its construction, looks too has the courage to ask the other much like an accumulation of dry- members of the family to remind goods crates. The nearest approach him of what has occurred, he will to harmonization with nature is be able to preserve some interest-generally found in old, weather ing and valuable nems that would their fields among the orchards al. of record will be particularly valumost as naturally as the great boulable when they refer to the live ders in the pastures. A landscape stock, as for instance, births, deaths photograph, into which the average and service, the date of cows being trin dwelling intrudes, is a proof dried off, evidences of sickness, and of how trying to natural beauty is if possible, amount of milk given the usual abode of man in this and butter made from it. Items of country. Well-meaning efforts have these important facts will be read been made to remedy this ugliness and re-read with the deepest inter by the addition of adornment, which, however, being for the most part parposeless, and adding to the cost months. One never tires of items without any corresponding benefit, of comparison, while they are of only aggravates the evil. The jigsawed work drops away, the gay paint washes off, and a distressing shabbiness ensues. Even when to value facts in preference to the such a house is kept in smart re ordinary farmer's method of guess pair, the change of fashion "archi tectural millinery" makes it look ridiculous, like a woman with a last-year's bonnet. Really good architecture, however, looks as well fifty years hence as it does to-day, whatever the prevailing style may be.

In building a house, the true way is to make its plan as convenient as possible, and let its exterior contorm thereto. Symmetrical lines and good proportions give a house Postage stamps are of a far more its artistic character, and not its ornamentation. The best houses ornamentation for ornamentation's sake—although useful features, like verandas, dormars and the sake although useful features, like verandas, dormars and the sake although useful features, like verandas, dormars and the sake although useful features and designed by W. M. Sake although useful features and designed by W. M. Sake although useful features are saked as the sake although useful features and the saked as the verandas, dormers, and bay-windows, may serve the purpose of ornamentation. For a wooden house nothing more substantial, economical, and pleasing to the eye can be devised than one designed in good proportions, without any ornamentation whatever, and entirely covered with shingles, stained, per-hals, in two or three tints. The stain, in wearing away, will not become shabby, like paint, but the surface will assume weather-beaten train's example. It was not until grays, soft and harmonious, and slightly varying, according to the original hue. The stain may be reoriginal line. The stain may be renewed when desired, or the natural lines which Nerway and the natural lines which Nerway are never at New York and the posthaes which Nature gives allowed to stay, as they have been imparted by her kindly touch. Then as vines camber over the walls, the trees and shrubbery grow up round-about, from year to year the house will gain character as a home and become dearer to the hearts of the dwellers therein.

Destruction of Forests.

Mr. Best, of the Forestry depart ment, which shows at a glance some very important facts. It is who succeed best in the end. If made up of the State and Territor one gets in the habit of being caries, and the division of lands is as ried up the rough ascents on the stollows: 985,060,000 agrees in rough follows: 285,060,000 acres improve shoulders of others, be may never ed, 445,000,000 of forests, and 730, learn the use of his own legs. It The startling fact is stated that the trees are disappearing at the rate of 25,000,000 acres each year. The forest product during the cen- a man of him. The best work has sus year was eighteen thousand been done by those who have the million feet board measure. Last least outside help in the beginning. year it was twenty-eight thousand Many of our great artists began

The destructive energy of man, chalk and charcoal, and made their which in this country is prodigious, first brushes out of a cat's tail; while t increases each year; and the prob-lem before us is made graver by nicest palette and easel and an the fact that forests are rapidly dis- abandant variety of colors, were appearing along all the lines, nat never heard of afterward. ural or artificial, which give trans portation to the lumbermen. The proportion wasted is enormous, and every suggestion of self interest calls on the people to adopt some wise system of protecting and proations; and the greatest man the piness might be learned: world has ever seen, George Washpressed him, to direct his manager at Mount Vernon to plant the seeds of locusts and other trees to body—no, not he, because nobody provide timber for his plantations to replace that consumed. His example should be followed, and we gave them the cause. Let the people of the consumer of the beg our agricultural friends to establish a tree planting day for Virginia for their own good, and in honor of the Father of his Coun try.-Norfolk Landmark.

A Paper Piano.

instruments is a paper piano. It is of French invention, and is an object of great curiosity to the con noisseurs and musical savants of Paris. The entire case is made of compressed paper, to which are given a hard surface and brilliant night?" asked Mrs Yerger of her polish. The legs and sides are or husband. namented with arabesques and flor al ornaments. The color is cream white, and the entire exterior, and as much of the interior as can be it?" seen when the instrument is open, are covered with wreaths and me of my existence. dallions painted in miniature by some of the leading artists of the shine into your daily life?" gay capital.

The tone of this instrument is my existence because you make it la given as reference said, by those who have heard it, to hot for me."

A rise in the thermometer of A rise in the thermometer of the fore loud. The broken, alternating character of piano music is said to be almost entirely removed and a rich, tull, continuous roll of music, like that of a pipe organ, is produced .-Only two of these instruments have been made. One is still on exhibi-tion; the other has been sold to the duke of Devoushire, and will be placed among the thousand and one curiosities and rarities which adorn his more than regal mansion at Chatsworth.

recognize it as the conqueror of

Keep a Record of Your Work.

Every young farmer should have farm houses, nestling in otherwise be lost. The little items the greatest educating value to We Send Out Nothing But Firstyoung men. They teach the young to reason about these things, and

The Rise of Postage Stamps.

It is estimated that every year about 50,000,000,000 letters are posted in the world. America leads, with about 2,500,000,000, and England follows with 700,000,000, Japan, which established a postal service only ten years ago, now mails annually 95,000,000 letters .recent origin than many people imagine. Great Britain was the first ance, designed by W. Mulready.— Prepaid letter sheets were issued about the same time, there being two denominations, one penny and two penny. Before that time postage was prepaid at the postoffice or what was even more common collected upon delivery. Now al most every country in the civilized world has adopted this method of prepaying postage. Strange as it Reference - Irving National Bank tain's example. It was not until 1847 that the United States began Baltimore, New Haven, Providence and Brattleboro had issued stamps for their own convenience.

Better Go It Alone.

It hardly needs to be said that all forms of charity are to be avoided which tend to destroy or impair the spirit of self-reliance and activity, on which the welfare of society is A map has been published by so dependent. Young men, in any with no stock in trade but a bit of

A Secret.

William Wirt's letter to his daughter, on the "small, sweet pagating trees. In Europe this courtesies of life," contains a passsubject has been studied for gener age from which a great deal of hap-

"I want to tell you a secret. The ington, found time over a hundred way to make yourself pleasant to years ago, amid the cares which op others is to show them attention. For sale of potatoes and all kinds ple see that you do care for them Baltimore, Md. by showing them what Sterne so T. H. Nottingham. Northampton, happily called the small courtesies, Virginia. in which there is no parade, whose voice is too still to tease, and which manifest themselves by tender and manifest themselves by tender and affectionate looks and little acts of A. F. YOUNG \(\frac{2}{3}\) CO., attention, giving others the prefer-Among the many recent novel- ence in every little employment, at ties in the manufacture of musical the table, in the field, walking, sit-

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"I suppose you meutioned me ir

"Oh, yes, I call you the sunshine

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going conversation.

The Cost of Funerals.

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